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# The Queen Visits Bugatch



Queen Beverly Ann Smith, Miss Maryland 1962 and the pride of Essex, made her first official visit in the home town last Sat.

morn when she did the honors in selecting the winners of the B. Bugatch Stores fall event. Sam Bugatch, left, was a happy host

with visitors and store personnel on hand for the event which made 15 area participants happy too. Photo by DeAngelis.

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## Miss Maryland In 2 Home Town Appearances Sat.

Beverly Ann Smith, Miss Maryland of 1962, local girl who represented Maryland so well in the recent Miss America contest winning the talent section, will take part in two local functions this Sat.

Before leaving for the U of Md. homecoming game, she will appear at the store of B. Bugatch, 510 Eastern ave, at 11:30 A.M. to select the 15 winners of the prizes in the annual Fall festival contest of the Essex store. Three cash and 12 merchandise prizes will go to Sam's lucky customers.

In the evening Beverly will attend the first annual fall dance of the Rosedale Jr Chamber of Commerce, host chapter in the Miss Metropolitan Baltimore Beauty Contest, which Miss Smith won to make her eligible for the Miss Maryland Contest. She will be hostess at the event at Aircraft Workers Hall on Martin Blvd. Johnny Moran's Orch. will play, and tickets will be available at the door.

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# Gail Fuchs Is Miss Essex-Middle River



Queen Gail Fuchs, Miss Essex-Middle River of 1964.

Essex Middle River hit the big time Saturday night when it staged its first Miss Essex-Middle River contest.

The first Miss Essex-Middle River is brown-haired, blue-eyed Gail Fuchs of Essex. Amid the roaring approval of more than 600 spectators, Gail was crowned and had a purple cape draped around her shoulders. She will reign one year and will go on to compete in the Miss Maryland contest and the Miss America contest in Atlantic City.

The first runner-up was Marlene Rouch, a blond and shapely beauty. The second runner-up was pretty Roxanne Staley.

The 3 finalists were picked from a field of 8 who competed in 4 categories; talent, swim suit, evening gown and ability to answer both humorous and serious questions.

In addition to the regular awards, Gail got a trophy for the talent competition, and Roxanne was picked by the other contestants as Miss Congeniality.

For their talent specialty, Gail twirled batons; Marlene sang a selection from West Side Story, and Roxanne twirled lighted batons, to jazz music.

Gail is 18 and will graduate from Kenwood this June. She has a \$6,000 scholarship from Syracuse University which she will enter this fall. Marlene is 19 and graduated from Kenwood in 1961. She has studied voice, but plans a career as a secretary. Roxanne, 18, will graduate from Kenwood this year. She plans to attend Baltimore Institute.

The contest was sponsored by the Jaycees and trophies were donated by local merchants. The cape was donated by Sam Bugatch, of Bugatch's store in Essex.

The 5 judges were: Mrs. Marjorie Smith, a former newspaper editor and columnist; Mrs. Loren Walter, former New York model and cover girl and now director of Walters Academy of Living Models; Richard Blue, registrar of Essex Community College; Samuel Bugatch, of B. Bugatch Stores and Clifford Alper, professor of Towson State College.





Miss Essex-Middle River and her royal court

*Eastern Beacon May 22, 1963*



## Gail Fuschs Represents Essex-Mr In Miss Maryland Contest



she will go on to participate in the Miss America contest to be held in Atlantic City in Sept.

The Miss Maryland pageant will be held at the Catonsville Senior High School, and the public is invited.

Fri. night will see the preliminary competition held. The finals will be on Sat. night.

Gail Fuschs, this year's Miss Essex-Middle River will compete against 17 other beauties this Fri. and Sat. nights for the Miss Maryland title.

Gail, who won over 4 other contenders to take the finals and her present crown, will present her baton twirling specialty in the competition.

Should she win the state title,

*Eastern Beacon  
July 17, 1963*

## Gail Fuchs In Miss Maryland Finals

Essex-Middle River was well represented Sat. night when Gail Fuchs made the finals of the Miss Maryland contest. Gail finished as 4th Runner-up.

Wearing a nylon taffeta gown with a blue apron skirt front and layered white lace at the sides, Gail held her own among the 17 other beauties in the competition held at Catonsville.

Earlier in the evening when she did her baton-twirling specialty she received a thunderous ovation from the audience. The auditorium was filled to some 1400 capacity.

Gail now plans to go on to Syracuse University in the Fall where she has a \$6000 scholarship. While no firm plans have been made yet, it is possible that she will re-enter the contest next year.

The Essex beauty is 17 years old.

## Essex Girl Does Maryland Proud At Atlantic City



Miss Beverly Smith

*Sept. 12 - 63*  
The Eastern Beacon,

The pride of Essex - Beverly Ann Smith - returned aglow from the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City after providing the fair state of Maryland with its best competitor in the annual classic.

Beverly won the Miss Maryland title and several other beauty diadems this summer.

She brought home a gleaming 2-foot trophy and a \$1,000 scholarship for finishing in a tie in the talent section of the Miss America event, playing "The Warsaw Concerto" simultaneously on organ and piano.

Beverly will enter classes at Western Maryland College next Tuesday, majoring in music.

The Rosedale, Essex, Middle River Jaycees are planning another preliminary contest here next June, and Beverly is highly favored to begin another trek toward the national title.





## Ann Crowther In Jr. Miss Pageant

Ann Crowther will represent the Essex - Middle River Junior Chamber of Commerce at the Maryland Junior Miss Pageant to be held Fri. evening, Dec. 6 and Sat., Dec. 7 at the Westminster High School in Westminster, Md.

She will compete for the title of Maryland's Junior Miss and if successful will be awarded a trophy, a \$1000 scholarship, provided by the Coca-Cola Bottlers of Maryland, and a 10 piece wardrobe by Bobbie Brooks.

Other prizes will include a Kodak movie camera and an all expense paid trip to Mobile, Ala. in March, 1964 to represent the Maryland Junior Chamber of Commerce at the American Junior Miss Pageant.

Miss Crowther will meet residents of Westminster and Carroll County for the first time on Sat. Dec. 7 at 2:30 P.M. when she and the other contestants will take part in a giant parade in downtown Westminster to honor the Junior Misses and to open the Christmas Shopping Season.

The Pageant will get underway that day at 7:30 PM. in the High School Auditorium with Al Ross of W.R.C. Radio, Washington, D.C. serving as Master of Ceremonies.

Judges will include: Mrs. William Howard, Patricia Stevens Finishing School, Baltimore, Mrs. John Eisenhower, Gettsburg, Pa; Arthur Forsyth, Dale Carnegie Institute, Baltimore; Mrs. Ben Ruben Music Instructor of Baltimore; and George T. Marx, Associate Professor of Education from the University of Maryland.

The Essex - Middle River Jaycees presented Miss Crowther to their members and their wives at the annual Wives Nite Banquet on Thurs., Nov. 21.

*Eastern Beacon  
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## Local Misses To Vie For Beauty Title

Essex - Middle River young women will vie for the "Miss Essex - Middle River" title at Kenwood High School Saturday, April 12.

As preliminary competition for the "Miss America" contest the local 1969 pageant is sponsored by the Essex - Middle River Jaycees.

Chairman Paul A. Ward said last week: "Too often young ladies who possess exceptional

talents never have an opportunity to display them so that the local citizens can evaluate the wisdom of assisting in building careers for such potentially fine artists."

He continued:

"It isn't that the hometown folks aren't interested in helping young talent. The idea of doing so just hasn't been brought to their attention before. We expect to correct this oversight by presenting to the public an array of our own girls which we feel certain cannot be surpassed by those of any community of our size in America."

Mr. Ward said, "Talent for the Miss America contest purposes, may include popular and classical singers, dancers, musicians, artists, designers, and dramatists as well as authors, school teachers, nurses, female business executives and even potential doctors and lawyers.

"Girls whose talent lies along professional lines which they have not yet had the educational opportunities to develop may participate in the talent division of the Miss Essex - Middle River pageant by describing, in a three minute talk, their qualifications, ambitions, and whatever training they have received so far in their chosen field."

He added that six to ten \$1000 scholarships at the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City are awarded to the most talented girls among the 50 competing contestants.

He concluded by saying that entries will soon be closing and if there are any interested young ladies who would like to compete, please contact the entries chairman, 502 N. Stuart Street, Essex, 21221.

*Essex Times  
March 13, 1969*

## Miss Baltimore County Contestants Needed

Contestants are being sought for this year's Miss Baltimore County Pageant to be held May 13 at Stemmers Run Junior High School.

To qualify, a woman must be between the ages of 17 and 26 on Sept. 4, 1978, must be a high school graduate by that date and must never have been married. She must also live, work or attend school in Baltimore County.

April 15 is the deadline for entering, and applications may be obtained by writing the Miss Baltimore County Pageant, P.O. Box 5048, Baltimore, Md. 21220.



## State Test Set In Catonsville

BY PAULA A. WARD

This week in Catonsville, the Essex Middle River community will have a representative at the Miss Maryland Pageant State Finals, an official Miss America Preliminary.

Miss Roxanne Staley leaves today for Catonsville for four days of competition where 18 young ladies from all over the state will compete for the Miss Maryland title.

Miss Staley won her present title (Miss Essex Middle River 1965) this past April and she has been preparing for the State Pageant for the past two and one half months.

The winner of the state finals will go to the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City as Maryland's Representative.

Miss Staley will be staying at Howard Johnsons Hotel-Motel, US 40 & Ingleside ave., Catonsville;

which is the headquarters for the state pageant this year.

She will compete for the title both July 16 & 17 and hopefully be crowned Miss Maryland 1966 on Saturday.

If you would like to convey your best to Miss Staley you can contact her at the Howard Johnsons Hotel-Motel.

The array of pictures here give you a brief insight on "Our Queen - Miss Essex Middle River 1965.

We salute the Recreation Council for a job well done July 4th. They really out did themselves. Congratulations!!!



Close up of Queen Roxanne Staley

## Clubs Asked To Back Pageant Contestants

Paul A. Ward, chairman of the Miss Essex-Middle River Jaycee Pageant 1969, invited all area civic and service clubs this week to sponsor entrants in the contest, scheduled to be held April 12 in Kenwood Senior High School auditorium.

The Essex-Middle River Jaycees said there will be no obligation on the part of the club or a group sponsoring a contestant other than submitting the nomination of their candidate.

Girls suggested for participation in the pageant will be interviewed by members of the Entries Committee, who will select 10 contestants for the April 12 local finals.

The winner of the Miss Essex Middle River Pageant 1969 will compete in the Miss Maryland Pageant in July, hosted by the Prince George's Jaycees.

The young lady chosen Miss Maryland will enter the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City. The victor in the national pageant will receive a \$10,000 scholarship along with the Miss America title and contracts valued over \$80,000.

Mr. Ward said that contracts

and letters are to be mailed to: The Entries Committee, Miss Essex Middle River 1969, 502 N. Stuart Street, Essex, Maryland 21221.

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Queen Staley is flanked by Janice Mairose, Miss Congeniality in the Essex-MR contest; Paul Ward, Diane Hienle, first-runner up in the local contest, and Ken Reed, Jaycee pageant chairman here.





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ONE of these comely misses will become "Miss Essex-Middle River" on May 18, when the Jaycees hold the annual beauty pageant at Kenwood High School. They are Roxanne Staley, Marlene Rouch, Carol Lynn Rodgers, Ramona Gilbert, Edith Sparks, Alice Krizek, Carol Ann Ray and Gail Fuchs. Al Williams, pageant director, discusses the contest with the girls. Winner of the beauty title here will represent the area in the Miss Essex-Middle River pageant.

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## Local Jaycees To Host Talent Show Saturday

The Essex-Middle River Jaycees will host a talent show, called "Talent On Parade", February 22, 8 p.m., in the Kenwood High School auditorium.

Amateur talent between 13 and 19 years old will vie this Saturday for a \$500 bond besides winning the chance to compete in the Maryland Jaycee State Talent Show, scheduled March 29 in Rockville, Md.

Winner of the state show will receive a \$500 scholarship.

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## Miss Robley Chosen Chesapeake Queen

COLLEGE SENIOR TAKES TITLE—Linda Sue Robley, 20, daughter of Baltimore County Police Sergeant and Mrs. Bernard C. Robier, Sr. of Chase, was selected 1969 Queen of the Chesapeake at the Maryland Yacht Club earlier this month. Representing the Red Eye Yacht Club of Middle River, Miss Robley was chosen to reign over 29 princesses from Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia-based clubs. Second runner up (left) was Vicki Marie Eddy of the Trojan Harbor Yacht Club; first runner up (right) was Kathy Smith from the North East River Yacht Club. Miss Robley, a senior at the University of Maryland, is a member of Kappa Delta sorority. Her father is currently assigned to the Dundalk precinct station.



# Kenwood Student Is Runner-Up In Junior Miss Contest

By Esther McKinney

The title of Essex-Middle River Junior Miss was awarded to Deborah Kupnicki, an Overlea senior, on November 2. The first runner up was Kay Miller 12-Q of Kenwood.

Deborah will compete in the state finals held November 30 at Sudbrook Junior High. It will be sponsored by the Reisterstown Jaycees.

The winner of the state finals will be sent to Mobile, Ala., in early May. During their stay, Mobile residents will serve as hosts to the Junior Misses.

There will be fifty-high school girls, each representing her state. They will compete for state and national levels for up to \$10,000.

The judging for the Essex-Middle River Junior Miss

was based on these areas: private interviews 35 percent, scholastic achievement 15 percent, creative and performing arts 20 percent, youth fitness 15 percent, poise and appearance 15 percent.

It also made special emphasis on character, personality, scholarships, community service, high school achievement, personal ambitions and religious interests and qualities of leadership.

The origin of the Junior Miss Pageant grew out of the famous Azalea Trail Festival in Mobile, Ala.

For many years this 39 year old festival has honored a court of some 50 high school girls from Mobile to reign over the February March period of festivities.



VIES IN TALENT SHOW -- Gale Stecker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Stecker, 6005 Westwood Avenue, will compete in the teen talent show hosted by the Covenant Guild, Inc., and to benefit the Baltimore Association for Retarded Children. Miss Stecker, who is Miss Essex-Middle River, will play a 12-string guitar in the March 30 contest. The show starts at 2 p.m. Miss Stecker is a freshman at Essex Community College and will also soon vie for the Miss Watermelon title (sponsored by the Watermelon Growers of America) in Houston, Texas.

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Nine To Compete In Jaycees' 'Miss America' Preliminary

# Local Contestants Ready To Vie For Beauty Title Here Saturday



THELMA MARTIN



MARY E. McCRAW

*Essex Times*

*May 15, 1969*



The final four contestants in the "Essex-Middle River Pageant"—the local preliminary toward the "Miss America" title—have been released, and the local beauty pageant now has a list of nine vying for the local title. The beauty contest is ready to get underway 8 p.m., Saturday, May 17, at Kenwood Senior High School, Stemmers Run Road. The local contest is sponsored by the Essex-Middle River Jaycees.

**VALERIE E. BOWERS**

Valerie E. Bowers who lives on Beach Road is a graduate of Kenwood Senior High School is currently attending Essex

Community College. After graduation from ECC, Miss Bowers plans to enroll at Towson State College.

For the talent part of the Jaycee beauty contest she will perform a scene from the Shakespeare play "The Merchant of Venice".

**THELMA MARTIN**

Thelma Martin, of Oberle Road, will graduate from Kenwood Senior High School in June, and plans to attend Maryland Institute of Art after graduation.

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**ANGELA VADEN**



**LILA ANN NORMAN**

**To Vie For Beauty Title**





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#### PAMELA ALBERT

Pamela J. Albert, of Bowley's Quarters Road, is currently a student at Essex Community College where she is pursuing a associate of arts degree. She is a 1967 graduate of Kenwood Senior High School. During the May 17 Jaycee contest, Miss Albert will present a song and dance performance to "Yes, Sir, That's My Baby".

#### DONNA L. McNAMARA

#### VALERIE E. BOWERS

Miss Martin will display a series of her paintings during the May 17 beauty contest.

#### MARY E. McCRAW

Mary E. McCraw, of Vincent Avenue, will graduate from Kenwood Senior High School this June and plans to go to Towson State College in the fall.

For her talent part of the May 17 contest, Miss McCraw will speak on education—explaining the capability of learning.

#### DONNA L. McNAMARA

Donna L. McNamara, of Kenwood Avenue, graduated from

Overlea Senior High School and is enrolled at Hood College in Frederick.

Miss McNamara will on May 17 perform a dramatic reading from the musical "The Fantasticks", for the talent section of the Miss Essex-Middle River contest.

Other to vie in the local contest are: Angela Carol Vaden, of Riverside Road; Lila Ann Norman, of old Eastern Avenue; Karen Elizabeth Durham, of Poles Road; Pamela J. Albert, of Bowley's Quarters Road; and Jeanne Diane Ledford, of Grovethorn Road.





**JEANNE LEDFORD**



**KAREN DURHAM**



**PAMELA ALBERT**

**LILA ANN NORMAN**

Lila Ann Norman, who lives on old Eastern Avenue, will be graduated from Kenwood Senior High School this June. She plans to attend Madison College in Harrisonburg, Va., this fall. A pianist for six years, Miss Norman will perform "Wouldn't It Be Lovely" at the Jaycee's Miss Essex - Middle River contest. She also had one year of drama.

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**ANGELA VADEN**

Angela Carol Vaden, of Riverside Road, is a 1965 graduate of Kenwood Senior High School and is currently a student at Essex Community College. After graduation from Essex CC, Miss Vaden plans to enroll at Towson State College. For the talent aspect of the May 17 contest, she will read a poem that she wrote. The theme of her poem concerns man's quest for freedom in general and Vietnam specifically.

**KAREN DURHAM**

Karen Elizabeth Durham, of Poles Road, will graduate from Kenwood Senior High School in June. At Kenwood, Miss Durham has had three years of choral music and three years of band - playing the bass clarinet and the clarinet. She also has four years on the guitar. Miss Durham plans to attend Drew University, Madison, N.J., in the fall. To compete in the talent part of the Miss Essex - Middle River contest, Miss Durham will perform a folk song, "Both Sides Now".

**JEANNE LEDFORD**

Jeanne Diane Ledford, who lives on Grovethorn Road, will graduate this June from Kenwood Senior High School. A tap and ballet dancer since early childhood, Miss Leford will do a modern dance to the musical score, "Exodus", at the May 17 contest. After graduation from Kenwood, she plans to attend Towson State College.



# Roxanne Staley, Our Queen, Shooting For Miss Maryland Title This Week End



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New Queen Roxanne poses with Ron Meroney, TV personality, Miss Mary Brooks, Miss Essex-Middle River of 1964, and her court.



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## Lila Norman Picked 'Miss Essex-Middle River 1969'

**WINS BEAUTY TITLE**—Miss Lila Ann Norman, of old Eastern Avenue, is still stunned above as the Essex-Middle River Jaycees' emcee, Grover C. Gouker, Jr., motions for her to walk down the runway—reigning as Miss Essex-Middle River 1969. She will now compete in the upcoming Miss Maryland contest—the last stepping stone to the Miss America pageant. First and second runner-ups in the local Jaycee contest (held last Saturday in Kenwood Senior High School) are Donna L. McNamara, of Kenwood Avenue, and Jeanne Ledford, of Grovethorn Road, respectively. Miss Norman is a Kenwood High School senior.

## Gilreath 3rd in Miss Md.

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Joyce Ann Gilreath, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Gilreath of Celeste Avenue, Essex, won third place in the Miss Maryland contest held recently in Hagerstown.

Joyce won the bathing suit award. For the honor she received a trophy and \$600.

Joyce has won two beauty contests before, the Veterans Administration's Miss VET and Miss Tri College, for three local community colleges.

A Dundalk resident, she is a Baltimore County police cadet and will attend college in the fall.



Joyce Ann Gilreath





Flanked by Jaycee escorts, Miss Essex-Middle River was one of the main features of the recent Independence Day parade here.



Roxanne performs a very impressive hula as her talent, which she will demonstrate at Catonsville in the Miss Maryland contest this weekend.

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# To Pick Miss Essex-Middle River

## Beauty Pageant Set For April 12 At KHS

A question broached by the advent of a new year, and one already uppermost in the minds of certain young ladies in the community, is "Who will be Miss Essex Middle River 1969"? This question will be answered at Kenwood High School on April 12, when the Jaycees present their seventh annual Miss Essex Middle River Pageant. The pageant winner will be crowned by Gale Stecker, the reigning Miss Essex Middle River, 1968. The local contest

is an official Miss America preliminary pageant.

The winner of the Miss Essex Middle River pageant, in addition to receiving a scholarship to the college of her choice, will qualify for participation in the Miss Maryland contest which will be hosted in Prince Georges County in July of this year. The young lady crowned Miss Maryland will receive an additional scholarship and will compete in Atlantic City for the Miss America 1969 crown and the \$10,000 first prize scholarship.

Jack Hilton, president and Paul A. Ward, producer, who comprise the entries committee, have requested that every Essex Middle River resident who knows a personable, beautiful and talented lady to suggest her to the committee as a possible contestant in the local pageant. Members of the entries committee will interview each young lady suggested for a place among the group of Miss Essex Middle River contestants, and the 10 selected will appear on April 12th.

Jaycee sponsorship of the Miss Essex Middle River pageant as a Miss America preliminary contest is based on the belief that the community is as likely as any other to produce a future Miss America, and that it is their duty as a civic organization to offer the many capable young ladies in the area the opportunity to compete for this honor.

To be eligible for the Miss Essex Middle River pageant, each entry must either reside, attend school or be employed in the Essex Middle River Area. She must be between the ages of 18 and 28 on September 1st. She must be a high school graduate by September 1st, must never have been married and must possess talent, either trained or potential, which may include playing a musical instrument, dramatics, dress designing, or any of the fine arts.

If she wishes to pursue a professional career such as nursing or teaching, she may present a three minute talk on her reasons for selecting such a career or her training to date and her aims in the profession. Any eligible young lady who wishes to apply or anyone who wishes to suggest a potential candidate may contact The Entries Chairman, Miss Essex Middle River Pageant 1969, 502 N. Stuart Street, Essex, Maryland 21221.

Below are the official rules of the contest:

The Contest is to be held on April 12, 1969, at Kenwood Senior High School's Auditorium. Entrant agrees to abide by the rules of the local, state, and national Miss America Pageants (for this is an official Miss America Preliminary) now in effect or as announced hereafter.

Entrant agrees that the time, manner and method of judging shall be solely within the discretion of the Essex Middle River Jaycees and that the decisions of the judges will be final.

Entrant agrees that if she is selected as the winner of this pageant, she will not sign a management contract with any individual or corporation, and that she will not give any written or verbal endorsement of any mercantile commodity or commercial organization, nor will she permit any photographs to be used in connection with any advertised commodity or service not associated with this contest, without the permission of the Miss Essex Middle River Committee.

Entrant must be a resident of Essex Middle River or surrounding communities for the past six months. This rule is only waived for contestants whose residence is out of the city or state, but who is a college or university student in a city where the pageant is held.

Entrants must be single and never have been married, divorced, or had a marriage annulled.

Entrant must be a high school graduate by September of this year, she must, also, be between the ages of 18 and 28 by September 1st. of the current year.

Entrants must be of good character and possess poise, personality, intelligence, charm, and beauty of face and figure.

Entrants must possess and display in a maximum of three minutes a talent presentation. This talent may be singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, dramatic reading, art display, dress designing, creative poetry, writing, or any creative art. She may also give a talk on the career she wishes to pursue, whatever it may be. Entrant may be amateur or professional.

Applications are now being taken for possible contestants in this year's pageant. If you, or you know of a young lady who meets these requirements, fill out the entry blank below and mail.

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APPLICANTS NAME:

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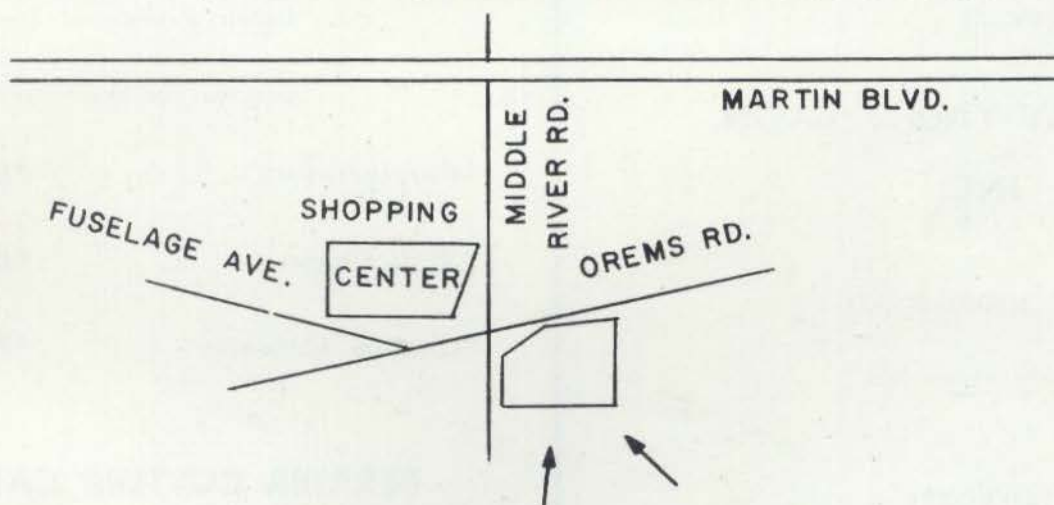


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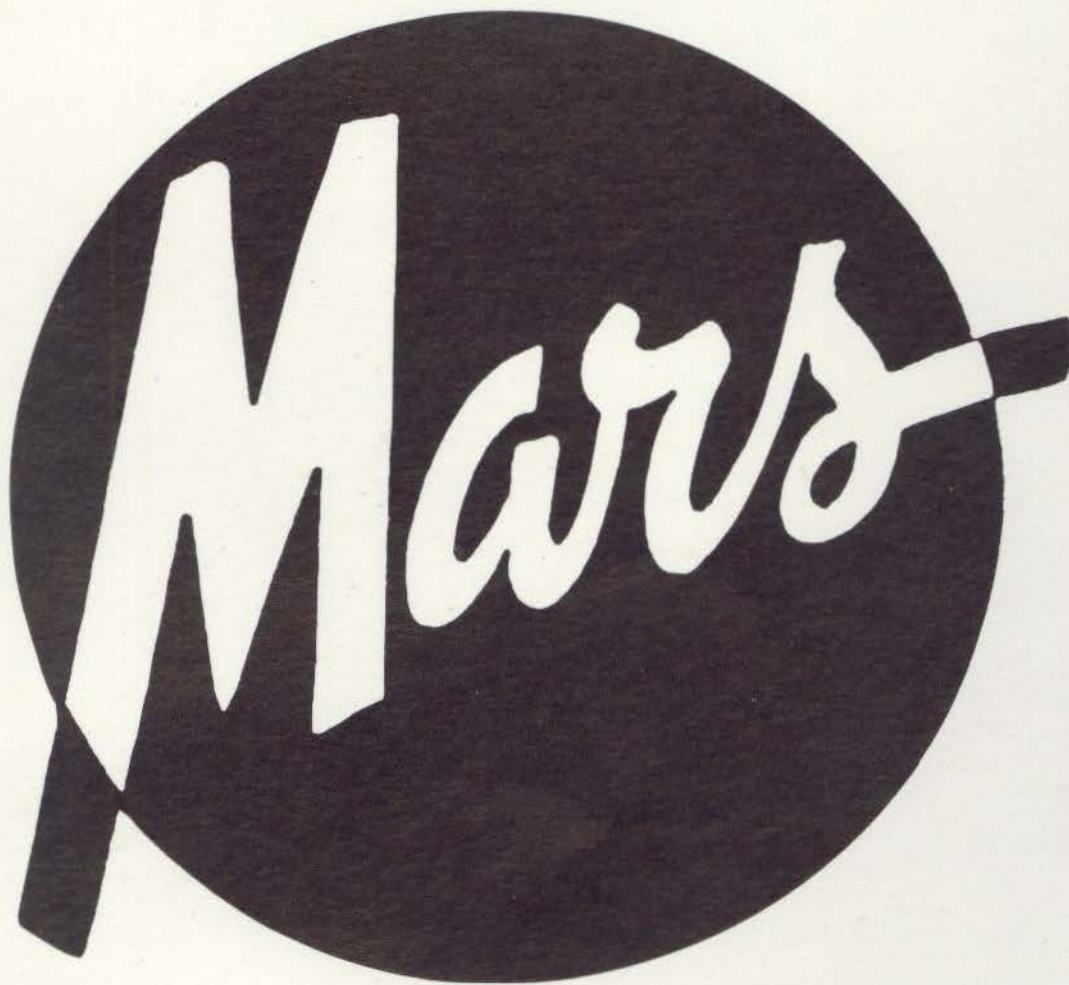
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## To Pick Miss Essex-Middle River

# Beauty Pageant Set For April 12 At KHS

A question broached by the advent of a new year, and one already uppermost in the minds of certain young ladies in the community, is "Who will be Miss Essex Middle River 1969?" This question will be answered at Kenwood High School on

April 12, when the Jaycees present their seventh annual Miss Essex Middle River Pageant.

The pageant winner will be crowned by Gale Stecker, the reigning Miss Essex Middle River, 1968. The local contest

is an official Miss America preliminary pageant.

The winner of the Miss Essex Middle River pageant, in addition to receiving a scholarship to the college of her choice, will qualify for participation in the Miss Maryland contest which will be hosted in Prince Georges County in July of this year.

The young lady crowned Miss Maryland will receive an additional scholarship and will compete in Atlantic City for the Miss America 1969 crown and the \$10,000 first prize scholarship.

Jack Hilton, president and Paul A. Ward, producer, who comprise the entries committee, have requested that every Essex Middle River resident who knows a personable, beautiful and talented lady to suggest her to the committee as a possible contestant in the local pageant.

Members of the entries committee will interview each young lady suggested for a place among the group of Miss Essex Middle River contestants, and the 10 selected will appear on April 12th.

Jaycee sponsorship of the Miss Essex Middle River pageant as a Miss America preliminary contest is based on the belief that the community is as likely as any other to produce a future Miss America, and that it is their duty as a civic organization to offer the many capable young ladies in the area the opportunity to compete for this honor.

To be eligible for the Miss Essex Middle River pageant, each entry must either reside, attend school or be employed in the Essex Middle River Area. She must be between the ages of 18 and 28 on September 1st.

She must be a high school graduate by September 1st, must never have been married and must possess talent either

trained or potential, which may include playing a musical instrument, dramatics, dress designing, or any of the fine arts.

If she wishes to pursue a professional career such as nursing or teaching, she may present a three minute talk on her reasons for selecting such a career or her training to date and her aims in the profession.

Any eligible young lady who wishes to apply or anyone who wishes to suggest a potential candidate may contact The Entries Chairman, Miss Essex Middle River Pageant 1969, 500 N. Stuart Street, Essex, Maryland 21221.

### Below are the official rules of the contest:

The Contest is to be held on April 12, 1969, at Kenwood Senior High School's Auditorium. Entrant agrees to abide by the rules of the local, state, and national Miss America Pageants (for this is an official Miss America Preliminary) now in effect or as announced hereafter.

Entrant agrees that the time, manner and method of judging shall be solely within the discretion of the Essex Middle River Jaycees and that the decisions of the judges will be final.

Entrant agrees that if she is selected as the winner of this pageant, she will not sign a management contract with any individual or corporation, and that she will not give any written or verbal endorsement of any mercantile commodity or commercial organization, nor will she permit any photographs to be used in connection with any advertised commodity or service not associated with this contest, without the permission of the Miss Essex Middle River Committee.

Entrant must be a resident of Essex Middle River or surrounding communities for the past six months. This rule is only waived for contestants whose residence is out of the city or state, but who is a college or university student in a city where the pageant is held.

Entrants must be single and never have been married, divorced, or had a marriage annulled.

Entrant must be a high school graduate by September of this year, she must, also, be between the ages of 18 and 28 by September 1st. of the current year.

Entrants must be of good character and possess poise, personality, intelligence, charm, and beauty of face and figure.

Entrants must possess and display in a maximum of three minutes a talent presentation. This talent may be singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, dramatic reading, art display, dress designing, creative poetry, writing, or any creative art. She may also give a talk on the career she wishes to pursue, whatever it may be. Entrant may be amateur or professional.

Applications are now being taken for possible contestants in this year's pageant. If you, or you know of a young lady who meets these requirements, fill out the entry blank below and mail.

### OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK

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# Miss Essex-Middle River Contest Slated Again

A "Miss Essex-Middle River" will represent the Essex-Middle River Community this summer at the Miss Maryland Pageant in Catonsville. It was announced recently by Al Williams, local school teacher and member of the Essex-Middle River Jaycees, which will stage the contest locally.

Williams said the local Jaycees have accepted the proposal to select a beauty from this section to compete in the State pageant to be staged in July.

Plans have been formulated for a Miss Essex-Middle River Pageant to be held at Kenwood High School on May 18.

Winner of the the local pageant will represent the Essex-Middle River community in the Miss Maryland Pageant, and the winner of the State contest, in addition to her prizes, will win the right to represent the Free State in the Miss America Pageant at Atlantic City, N.J. in September.

Williams, who has been selected as general chairman of the pageant, is presently selecting chairman of the various committees which will be formed to assist in staging the Miss Essex-Middle River Pageant. There will be an entries committee, a staging committee, a program and awards committee, a budget and finance committee, judges committee, a ticket committee, a publicity committee and a parade committee. A master of ceremonies must also be selected, said Williams.

"The next Miss America might very well be living right here in Essex or Middle River", Williams said. "She may be your secretary or receptionist or perhaps will be graduating from the Essex Community College. You may see her every day and not suspect that a year from now she'll be on magazine covers, touring foreign capitals and representing young womanhood as Miss America. If she is living here, in Essex, Middle River or the adjacent communities, we want to find her on May 18th at the local contest," he went on, "we are asking the citizens of our community to help us find a girl to represent us in the Miss Maryland Pageant and perhaps go on to Atlantic City and capture the Miss America Title."

Williams added that the Essex-Middle River Chapter needs new members who are interested in community development as well as self improvement. The Essex-Middle River Pageant offers a challenge to young men wishing to engage in a worthwhile endeavor and do a service to their community. If any young men between the ages of 21 and 35 who would like to serve on one of the pageant committees, contact Jim Coffman, MU 6-9763, Jack Karmasek MU 7-6322 or stop in during one of the Jaycee meetings. The local chapter meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday, at Germania Federal, 809 Eastern Blvd. Essex at 8 P.M.

Jan 27 - 1950



WINS PRIZE . . . Janice Susan Spellman, one-and-one-half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Spellman, of 13 Edgewater Apts., recently won second prize in a beauty contest sponsored by a Baltimore newspaper.

## More Than Six Pretty Women?

The Essex-Middle River Jaycees have postponed the club's Miss Essex-Middle River beauty pageant until May 17. It was supposed to be held in April.

The reason for the postponement, a Jaycee officer said recently, is only six single 18-to-28-year-old women had applied by deadline. This is the Jaycees seventh year of sponsoring the local beauty pageant, which is the first step on the ladder to the Miss America contest, and already, the officer said, disappointed members are voicing discontent—they are thinking about dropping the pageant sponsorship in this community.

Once again, apathy in the Essex-Middle River community is about to strangle another civic program to death.

Hopefully, there will be enough contestants in the Jaycee pageant line-up by the time the deadline for the May 17 is here, or else there may be no show.

There are more than just six beautiful young single women in Essex-Middle River: aren't there?

W.L.G.

April 17, 1969 Eastern Beacon





## Peggy Rupp Crowned Miss Oliver Beach

Miss Peggy Rupp (center) was voted "Miss Oliver Beach" at a recent bazaar held in the area. Capturing the first runner-up slot was Miss Shirley Kent and second runner up was Miss Karen Hugg. In addition to being recipients of beautiful trophies, the girls were awarded gowns, jewelry, flowers, savings bonds, hairsets, portraits and other souvenirs. Handling the affair was Mrs. Ellen Jackson and her staff. Homer J. DeAngelis is president of the organization.

## Harry Horney Heads Pageant Committee

*Eastern Beacon*

5/23/66

Jr., who resides at 35 Right Wing Drive.



The man behind the Miss Essex-Middle River Pageant, now scheduled for April 16 at Kenwood, is Chairman Harry Horney,

Mr. Horney, who also will perform as pageant organist, reported to a meeting of the Jaycees on March 17 that pageant plans are ahead of schedule and that the current show is expected to surpass earlier versions of their annual Jaycee project.

The contest is presented annually to offer local girls a chance to compete for scholarships and other prizes. Ten young ladies from the Essex-Middle River area will be contesting next month for the local crown now held by Miss Roxanne Staley.

The current production, entitled "Follow The Rainbow", promises to be a very entertaining production, and Mr. Horney urges area residents to support the Jaycees by their attendance on April 16.



# Sussex Teen Queen Picked

Sussex Senior Teen Center, sponsored by Essex Recreation Council, staged its first Teen Queen and Talent Show at Stemmers Run Junior High School on February 15. It was the first time a teen center in this area has chosen its teen queen this way. Five girls were in competition for the title of "Miss Sussex", and five acts were in competition for the talent awards. All were judged for performance, routine, originality and also on poise and scholastic averages.

Winners of the talent awards were first place, Charles Rasmussen, gymnastics; second place, Mary Helmcamp, tap dancing; third place, Jim Polansky and Sally Loudermilk, singing duet; fourth place, Jim Polansky and Darlene Densamore, singing duet; and fifth place, Jim Polansky, solo.

Teen queen awards were "Miss Sussex 1970" Kathie Zahner, fashion show; first runner up, Sally Loudermilk, singing "Love"; second runner up, Lee Price, Irish dance; third runner up, Darlene Densamore, singing "Wait a Million Years"; fourth runner up, Donna Walton, baton twirling.

Kathie Zahner's fashion show consisted of ten different outfits from dressy to casual all made by her.

Talent contestants were judged by Linda Boyer, Essex Cadettes Baton teacher; Jerry Crowell, community director of Essex Recreation; Peggy Lambros, Essex football; and Frederick Moroz, president Essex Recreation Council.

Queen contestants were judged by Virginia Boros, Heritage Society; Francis Dearn, director of women's programs, Dept. of Recreation and Parks; Marie Frank, tap and ballet teacher; William A.



TEEN QUEEN CONTESTANTS -- The Sussex Senior Teen Center's February 15 "Teen Queen" contestants are above (l-r) Darlene Densamore; Lee Price; Kathie Zahner, Miss Sussex 1970; Sally Loudermilk; and Donna Walton.

Groth, Jr., principal of Sussex Elementary School; George Lambros, chairman of Essex football; Bessie Moroz, vice president, Essex Recreation Council; Joseph Schirano, 5th District delegate, JoAnn Weinkamp, teacher at Sussex School; and Jack Weiland, teacher at Sussex.

All contestants were assisted and advised by the teen center leaders, Joseph Griffith and Frank Rexroth, Jr.; chairman of the teen center, Mary Kidd; and volunteer, Vi McGready.

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	Miss Fran Dearman, Supervisor, Girls', Women's Activities, Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks
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TALENT	
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I-N-T-E-R-M-I-S-S-I-O-N	
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### TEEN QUEEN CONTESTANTS

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| 2. | Alice Roth     | Fashion Show   |
| 3. | Donna Walton   | Baton Twirling |
| 4. | Cathy Cranford | Cook & Bake    |
| 5. | Debbie Norman  | Pantomime      |

### TALENT CONTEST CONTESTANTS

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|----|--|-------|
| 1. | Sally Loudermilk<br>&<br>Diane Jorgenson | Duet  |
| 2. | Steve Mohr                               | Piano |

### SPECIAL TALENT

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|----|----------------|-------|
| 1. | Sandy Poveromo | Dance |
| 2. | Brenda Douglas | Song  |



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Miss Fran Dearman  
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## TALENT

## THE CONTESTANTS . . .

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20%; Originality, 30%; Showmanship and Presentation, 50%.



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## WHAT OUR WORLD NEEDS NOW

All of those groups trying to solve the leisure problems of our urban neighborhoods might do well to start with the premise that we need each other too much to be fencing each other out of our world. Like it or not, our world is still only one, and it is ours.

Few recreation activities are conducted without some difficulty or misunderstanding, and teen centers are no exception. In easing such situations, one might recall that most of the world's troubles have been caused not by gangsters, but by good people who were sure they were right and thus above criticism, overlooking the possibility that their adversaries were equally sincere about their positions. The resulting disasters, with their great loss in lives, reputations, and treasure, have served only to convince bystanders of the high cost of prejudice and the imperative need for understanding. If, then, we are to overcome serious differences, we might remember that it is hard to listen to a person at whom we are shouting.

Let's take two simple subjects: neighborhood vandalism and noisy bands. Auxiliary policemen are adults who voluntarily provide teen centers with a service that keeps trouble-makers from crashing the party, racing in the parking lot, and otherwise abusing the center, but they have been unable in some cases to correct vandalism from roving groups who follow bands and end their evening breaking neighborhood shrubbery and automobile aerials while littering lawns and gutters.

Now, it would be simple to label the property owners as crackpots firing at the wrong target, but teens who find their elders so hard to take might remember that in only a few years, they will become the new establishment honestly trying hard to help a new generation. Injured neighbors near the teen center might be directing their protests at members of the teen center who are innocent, but are they at fault in expecting the whole teen center to participate in the solution of such vandalism? Who would know better than teens how such damage is caused, and why? Maybe the remedies suggested by the adults are too harsh, but teens can respect differing opinions without adopting such ideas or protesting their right to differ. Certainly our world is too small to be divided into areas in which each age group is supreme.

Let's look at noise, generated by sound systems turned up so high that adult chaperons shake and rattle with an intensity generated by the jet engines of a Boeing 747. Are teenagers and their leaders honest enough to look at the medical evidence of resulting ear damage to their members from raucous



bands, and the inability of anyone there to hold a simple conversation? Certainly neighbors with nerves frazzled by such gigantic amplifiers and speakers have a right to expect that teens unworried about their own loss of hearing would concede to such adults the right to retain what is left of theirs. Teens and leaders who realize that there is still a tremendous reservoir of good will toward youth will not allow that resource to be squandered by refusing to cool that sound to an intensity by which both can live.

Perhaps our biggest need is public understanding that today is not the age of the teenager, but a period when teens are over-protected by law from paying jobs, cut out of non-existent chores at home, and given large allowances by affluent parents, while zombies of all kinds zero in on the teen market and its ability to be sold outlandish clothes, expensive hairdos, fast cars, amplified music, sick movies, filthy paperbacks, and every day a new drug. Trying to buy satisfaction with things did not start yesterday, but teens would do well to see where it will all lead tomorrow.

An 18th Century poet opined that "the world is too much with us. Getting and spending, late and soon, we lay waste our powers. Little we see of nature that is ours." A quick look around our congested neighborhoods reminds us that the 1970s may represent no improvement over Wordsworth's estimate, as overcrowding, air and water pollution, and noise take their toll of the urban dweller. Who will be better equipped to deal with the boredom of that society than those who as teens today are developing their own resources for fun? Creating an atmosphere where one can develop leisure talents, including leadership, is a job for the teen council and its leaders. Creating a center where teens can share their leisure skills may be the best course for a center that aims to become "the place to go".

Given enthusiastic leadership, is there any reason why teens who come to dance on a Saturday night might not also be stimulated to enjoy each other's company in archery, boating, hiking, camping, crafts, dramatics, fishing, golf, hiking, sailing, singing, skating, skiing, sledding, tennis, touch football or volley ball at other times during the week? They might even want to write a song, make a movie, or produce a show.

The urge to do one's own thing is strong in youth, and it should be at this time of growing up and away. In a period when young hearts and heads are often confused, the easiest way to overcome such personal problems may be to get outside one's self and do something of value for someone else in the neighborhood. Our world might seem small and our contribution a small one, but our teen center might just be the perfect vehicle for directing such excess energy into constructive endeavors, and making it fun.

BY: Edward J. Bender  
Assistant Director Programs  
Recreation & Parks



# Motor Parade Saturday To Open Miss Essex - MR Test

*Eastern Beacon May 15 - 1963*

## Harry Horney To Play At Pageant

The Essex - Middle River Jaycees proudly announce that one of their own, Harry Horney, a life long resident of Middle River, will provide the organ music at the Miss Essex - Middle River Pageant Saturday evening, May 18th in the Kenwood High School auditorium.

Mr. Horney, is probably better known to many as the friendly Aero Heating Company service man. To those who heard Harry play on his Baldwin organ will know how accomplished he is. For those who have not heard him, they are invited to attend the pageant and hear for themselves. To hear Mr. Horney play on the organ is worth the price of admission but to hear him play a selection of numbers during a fine show of local beauties is like getting double your money's worth of entertainment.

Tickets are still available and plenty of good seats are left. Tickets may be purchased at Ogles Gift Shop in Essex, or at the door the night of the pageant.

As previously announced, the Essex-Middle River Jaycees will sponsor a parade to draw attention to the first "Miss Essex-Middle River" Pageant which will be held this Saturday on May 18th, at 8:00 P.M. in the Kenwood High School auditorium.

The parade will form up on the Middle River Junior High School grounds, Middle River Rd. and Compass Rd. and begin

from that point at 12 o'clock noon.

The motorcade affair will follow a route which will take it through Aero Acres, Middle River Middlesex and the heart of Essex.

The motorcade will feature the eight pageant contestants riding in convertibles, antique automobiles, floats and other mobile units. There will be three trophies awarded.

Judges will be selected from the numerous civic minded merchants in the community. They will judge from there viewing stand at Kenwood High School.

Negotiations are presently underway with the officials of the Little League Baseball organization in an effort to include them in the parade so that they may have the opportunity to pass in review before the merchants

and residents of Essex and Middle River as they have done in the past.

The Jaycees are hoping to secure sufficient vehicles to carry the members of the Little League Baseball teams. Any sponsor or supporter of the Little League is asked to provide such a vehicle, if available and to contact the parade chairman, Bill Peters, MU 6-6600, as soon as possible.

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## Smith wins Kraft prize

Linda Ann Smith of Middle River was named the Kraft Hostess Award winner at the Maryland Junior Miss finals held in Columbia.

Linda was awarded a \$100 cash scholarship, a portable cassette tape recorder and a gift of Kraft cheese for her entry, "Bicentennial Masquerade Party," a get-together where guests portray outstanding American personalities.

A senior at Kenwood Senior High School where she is an honor student, a varsity cheerleader, baton twirler and a yearbook staff member, Linda plans to attend the University of Maryland.

The Hostess Awards, sponsored by Kraft Foods, is an ancillary competition of the Maryland Junior Miss Program, which recognizes and rewards outstanding high school senior girls.

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# Seek Title

Eight young ladies of this area will vie for the Miss Essex-Middle River title at Kenwood High School on May 18 in the annual contest to select a beauty queen for this section and a representative in the Miss Maryland contest.

The contest is being sponsored by the Essex-Middle River Junior Chamber of Commerce. Tickets to the events are on sale at Ogle's Card and Gift Shop on Eastern ave. Pictured below are half of the contestants.

(All photos by DeAngelis Studio)



Carole Ann Ray

Daughter of Mrs. Evelyn M. Ray, Carole Ann is a '62 grad of Kenwood High. A singer, she is 19 years old, 5 ft. 4, and has ash blonde hair and hazel eyes. Vocalist with "The Flintstones", she won the "Battle of Bands" on the Buddy Dean TV show. She also sang in the school operetta.



Edith Sparks

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Sparks, Edith is 21 and a grad of Kenwood - Class of 1960. She spent 2 years at Baltimore Business College. This 6 ft., 6 in. blue-eyed blonde specializes in baton twirling and is a member of the Paramount Variety show cast.



Roxanne Staley

Roxanne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy H. Staley. At 18 and a senior at Kenwood High she studies the accordian but excels in twirling blazing fire batons. She's 5 ft. 4 in., has blue eyes and blonde hair. She attends Baltimore Institute and is a former member of Job's Daughters.



Gail Fuchs

Gail is the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund A. Fuchs. A senior at Kenwood High, she is an outstanding drum majorette and baton twirler, having won the grand national championship in one and 2 batons in 1961. A member of the National Honor Society, she is 5 ft., 2 in. has brown hair and blue eyes.



# Miss Lackey Chosen Teen Finalist

*Essex Times*  
3-13-75

by Ginny Harahus  
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Deborah Jane Lackey has been selected to be a finalist in the 1975 Maryland National Teen-Ager Pageant to be held at Hunt Valley Inn on March 29. This is the official state finals to the Miss National Teen-Ager Pageant to be held in Atlanta, Georgia in August. Contestants from all over our state will be competing.

Deborah will write and recite on stage a 100 word essay on "What's Right About America". She is being sponsored by Montgomery Ward, Giant Food, Hiway Theatre, Victory Villa Beauty Salon.

Debbie is 15 years old and her hobbies include swimming, writing poetry, drawing, reading, bike riding, cooking and gymnastics. She is the daughter of Lorena and Fred Maddox, 4 Stabilizer Drive.



Deborah Jane Lackey -  
Maryland finalist for Miss  
National Teen-Ager.

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The Eastern Enterprise



BLONDE BEAUTY QUEEN — Elizabeth Bass, 27 Walkern Road, winner of many beauty contest trophies, now exerts her charm over students at the Arthur Murray Dance Studios in Baltimore. A graduate of Kenwood High School, Miss Bass is shown being crowned "Miss Highlandtown" of 1949." She was for four years president of Youth Fellowship at the Protestant Community Church and was former secretary of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Social Club.

## Essex-Middle River Jaycees

2-22-1979 *Ans*

### Seek Contestants For Pageant

Contestants are being sought for the 1979 Miss Baltimore County Pageant, said Donald Jordan, general chairman of the pageant. The event, sponsored by the Essex-Middle River Jaycees, will be held on Saturday, April 14, at Kenwood Senior High School.

"The girl who is selected as Miss Baltimore County could be the next Miss America, and now is the time to decide for any young woman in the Baltimore County area who qualifies," Mr. Jordan said in calling for candidates to enter the pageant. He also noted that scholarship awards will be given to the pageant winner and top runners-up.

To qualify, a young woman must be between the ages of 17 and 26 on September 3, 1979, must

be a high school graduate by that date and must never have been married. She must also live, work, or attend school in Baltimore County.

Personality, poise, beauty and talent are the major areas of judging. Each contestant will be judged in private interview, in evening gown, in swimsuit and in the presentation of her talent. Judging of the candidates will be based on the same values as considered at the Miss Maryland pageant and at the Miss America Pageant.

March 17 is the deadline for entering, and applications can be obtained by writing: The 1979 Miss Baltimore County Pageant; P.O. Box 5048; Baltimore, Maryland, 21220, or by calling 679-5913.



## Contestants Sought For 'Miss Teen Baltimore' Pageant THE AVENUE

The search is on for the 1979 Miss Teenage Baltimore. Any single young lady between 13 and 17 years of age, attending school in grades 8 through 12 during the 1978-79 school year, and living in Baltimore City, or in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford or Howard Counties may enter the Miss Teenage Baltimore competition.

The winner will represent the Baltimore metropolitan area in the Miss Teenage America contest to be nationally televised by NBC in January.

This year's winner will receive a \$500 Mary Taylor Stitzel Scholarship to the college or university of her choice, and a chance to win in the national program a \$15,000 scholarship, \$6,000 cash for personal ap-

pearances, a complete set of the World Book Encyclopedia, a wardrobe by PBJ of Jerrell, Inc. and other special awards.

Judging of the Miss Teenage Baltimore competition is based on scholastic achievement and awareness, poise, appearance and expression, and individual accomplishment.

Talent is viewed as an individual accomplishment. Officials of the competition said it need not necessarily be a theatrical presentation and can include such accomplishments as sewing, photography, creative and expository writing, gymnastics, art, fashion design, etc.

The Miss Teenage Baltimore program is sponsored by the Reisterstown Area Recreation and Parks Council and by the

Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks.

Co-sponsors of the program are Giftland Trophies of Glen Burnie, S. Hiken's Formals of Baltimore, Montgomery Ward & Co., and the Dr. Pepper Co.

Miss Teenage Baltimore, a non-profit program dedicated to recognizing the outstanding qualities of today's youth, requires no entry fee.

All girls wishing to enter may pick up entry forms at any of the local Montgomery Ward stores or in cartons of Dr. Pepper.

Girls may also receive an entry form by mailing a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Miss Teenage Baltimore, 131 Westminster Road, Reisterstown, Md. 21136. The deadline for entries is July 15, 1978.

## Local Majorette Seeks National Baton Laurels

Miss Dorothy McClure, "Miss Baltimore of 1948," and widely known drum majorette, leaves today by plane for St. Paul, Minn. where she will compete in the national baton twirlers contest. The competition will be part of the annual Mid-Winter Carnival held in St. Paul.

Dorothy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McClure, 33 Liberty Parkway, Dundalk, was in the public eye all last fall as head majorette of the Baltimore Colts band and is ranked as state champion in her specialty.

In the St Paul competition, Dorothy will be sponsored by the Oil City, Pa. band of the American Legion 40 and 8. It was this band that Dorothy led at the annual American Legion convention parade, held in Philadelphia last year.

Dorothy's father is past post commander of Dundalk Post 38, American Legion, and was elected this year as area Vice-Commander of the Northern Central District, American Legion.

## Miss Teenage semi-finals begin Friday

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Ninety young women from Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard Counties will begin three weeks of semi-final competition August 11 to determine who will be the 1979 Miss Teenage Baltimore.

The Essex-Middle River-Chase area is represented by five semi-finalists: Linda Barbakos, 15, and Kelly Holliday, 15, both sophomores at Chesapeake High School; Carolyn Green, 15, and Karen Meusel, 16, students at Kenwood High School, and Lynda Parr, 17, who attends Perry Hall High School.

Miss Teenage Baltimore candidates will compete in three groups of 30 girls each on Fridays, August 11, 18, and 25. The three semi-final programs will be held in the Franklin Senior High School auditorium in Reisterstown. Each show will begin at 8 p.m.

Ten finalists will be selected from each of the semi-final groups to compete on Saturday, October 7 in the Miss Teenage Baltimore finals. The winner of the Miss Teenage Baltimore title will go on to compete as a national finalist in the Miss Teenage America program to be nationally televised by NBC in January.

She will also receive a \$500 Mary Taylor Stitzel Scholarship Award to the college of her choice, a wardrobe from Montgomery Ward, and other

## Miss Teenage

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special awards. The first alternate will receive a \$300 Rossetta Turner scholarship award to the college of her choice.

Cyndi Schwanke, the current Miss Teenage Baltimore, will be on hand for a special talent presentation and to present the awards to the finalists each week. Judy Kearney and Mark Tracey will also entertain the audience with a selection of popular and folk tunes.

A written awareness test was administered to each candidate on July 22.

The Miss Teenage Baltimore Competition is a non-profit program, sponsored by the Reisterstown Area Recreation & Parks Council and by the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks. Co-sponsors of the program are S. Hiken Formals of Baltimore, Giftland Trophies of Glen Burnie, Montgomery Ward & Co., and the Dr Pepper Company.

The public is invited to attend the Miss Teenage Baltimore semi-finals on Fridays August 11, 18, and 25. Tickets will be sold at the door.





OUR REIGNING QUEEN  
MISS GAIL FUCHS



# Stemmers Run Will Host

THE AVENUE

MAY 11 1978

## Jaycee's Pageant Saturday

Fourteen area lovelies will be competing for the crown of Miss Baltimore County this Saturday at Stemmers Run Junior High School, Stemmers Run Road and Eastern Avenue in Essex.

The pageant, which is being sponsored by the Essex-Middle River Jaycees, will get underway at 7:30 PM.

John Wade of WJZ-TV's "On Location" will serve as the master of ceremonies.

The theme of this year's competition is "It's A Small World."

Linda Lambert, the current title-holder, will be on hand to crown her successor.

Sandra O'Connor, Baltimore County State's Attorney, heads the list of judges. Other judges include Ms. Rise Horowitz of the Peabody Institute; Mr. Joseph DiCara of the Baltimore Opera Company and the Essex Revitalization Committee; Ms. Corinne Hammett, movie critic for The News American; Ms. Gloria Brennan of "World of Faces," a modeling agency and school of fashion; and Ms. Betty Miller of the Miss Maryland Scholarship Foundation.

Judging of the contestants will be based on the same values as considered at the Miss Maryland Pageant and the Miss America pageant. Talent, personality, poise and beauty are the major requirements. Each contestant will be judged in Private Interview, Evening Gown, Swimsuit and in the presentation of her talent.

Over \$750 in scholarships will be awarded by the Jaycees, who had formerly sponsored the Miss Essex-Middle River pageant for many years.

The winner of the County pageant will enter the Miss Maryland pageant to be held June 29-30 and July 1 at Hagerstown. The state winner will compete for the crown of Miss America in the national competition at Atlantic City, New Jersey in September.



One of the auditors at the pageant, who kept score of the judges' votes, hands over their decision to the outgoing queen, Linda Lambert.



Neal Foore entertained the audience while the judges were casting their final votes. He did an impersonation of Wayland Flowers and the puppet Madame.



# Miss Baltimore County pageant



Dancing, in a variety of styles, was the most common talent choice. Cheryl Eder (above, left) of Dundalk performed a ballet piece. Carolyn Kaye Gibson of Towson State played a flute solo. Karen Rachel Pravlik of Essex was photographed during the swim suit competition.



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Photos by Jim Palmiter



## 2nd Scholarship Added To Teen Pageant

A \$300 scholarship will be awarded to the first alternate in

the 1979 Miss Teenage Baltimore program, pageant officials have announced. The scholarship, called the Rosetta Turner Scholarship Award, will be payable to the college or university of her choice.

Funds for the award are being raised through the special efforts of the residents of the Edgewood Nursing Home. Together with Activities Director Myron Gelsinger, Edgewood residents are raising the money through special projects, including making crafts items to be sold at their annual crafts fair on Aug. 12.

The scholarship is named for Mrs. Turner, an 83-year-old resident of Edgewood, because of "her enthusiasm and joy for life which serves as an example for those around her," a spokesman for the Home said. Mrs. Turner's family is also very active at Edgewood.

The 1979 Miss Teenage Baltimore program is accepting applications through July 10. Young women between the ages of 13 and 17, in grades 8 through 12, and who live in either Baltimore City or the counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford or Howard may send a self-addressed envelope to Miss Teenage Baltimore, 131

Westminster Road, Reisterstown, Md. 21136 to receive an entry form.

A \$500 scholarship is awarded to the winner of the pageant.

Miss Teenage Baltimore is being sponsored by the Reisterstown Area Recreation Council and the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks. *D*

## New Miss Baltimore County selected at Kenwood High

APR 19 1979 *Times*

By Lynn Guttenger

Lisa Ann Patrick was crowned "Miss Baltimore County" Saturday night at Kenwood Senior High School during a pageant sponsored by the Essex-Middle River Jaycees.

An 18-year old senior at Andover High School, Lisa was selected over 11 other contestants for her outstanding talent, beauty and poise.

She will represent Baltimore County in the "Miss Maryland" pageant, scheduled to take place in Hagerstown June 22.

As Miss Baltimore County, Ms. Patrick will receive a scholarship from the Jaycees. She has been studying dance for 14 years and served as a page in the Maryland State Senate.

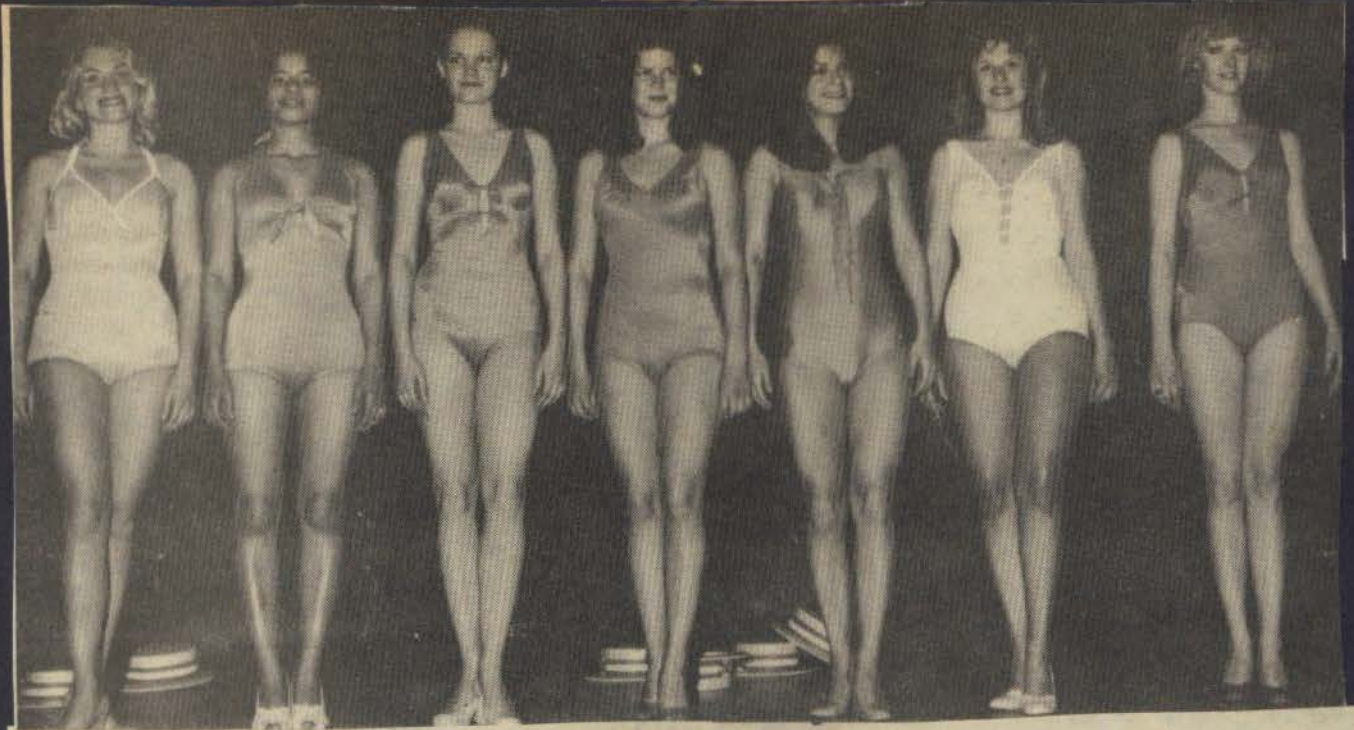
She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Patrick.

Selected as first runner-up was Carolyn Kaye Gibson, a Goucher College student. Joanne Wright, a dance and business major at Towson State University, was named second runner-up, and Ruth Stanley, a resident of Overlea, was nominated third runner-up.

Special entertainment for the pageant was provided by "Keats and Company."



# Miss Baltimore County crowned in Essex



The judges reviewed this line-up of beauty Saturday night as 13 contestants took part in the Miss Baltimore County Pageant. The event was sponsored by the Jaycees of Essex-Middle River for the first time.



Photos by Jim Palmiter

Tammy Suzanne Marble, the new Miss Baltimore County. (More pictures of the pageant inside.)



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pageant

Don Jordan, of the Essex-Middle River Jaycees which sponsored the Miss Baltimore County beauty pageant, recently accepted a proclamation from County Executive Theodore G. Venetoulis who proclaimed May 13 Miss Baltimore County Day.



# Two local girls make teenage beauty finals



Lynda Parr



Karen Meusel

Thirty young women from the Baltimore area, including two local girls, will compete in the 1979 Miss Teenage Baltimore finals Saturday, Oct. 7 at 8 p.m. in the Franklin Senior High School Auditorium, Reisterstown. The winner of the program, sponsored by the Reisterstown Recreation Council, will represent Maryland in the 1979 Miss Teenage America finals, to be nationally televised by NBC in anuary.

The local contestants are Karen Meusel, 16, a junior at Kenwood High School, and Lynda Parr, 17, a senior at Perry Hall High School.

Miss Meusel is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Meusel of Wilson Point, and Miss Parr is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Parr of Seneca Park Road, Chase.

The thirty finalists were selected from an original field of 130 entrants after competing in three semi-final programs where they were judged on scholastic achievement, individual accomplishment, and poise, appearance and expression.

In addition to the chance to compete in the Miss Teenage America Finals, Miss Teenage Baltimore will also receive a \$500 Mary Taylor Stitzel Scholarship Award to the college of her choice, a wardrobe from Montgomery Ward, and other special awards. The first alternate will receive a \$300 Rossetta Turner Scholarship Award to the college of her choice.

Cyndi Schwanke, the current Miss Teenage Baltimore, will join the finalists in the opening production number, a medley of songs from the hit show, "Grease." Miss Schwanke will present the awards to this year's winners, and will also perform the flute solo that helped her capture the 1978 title.

Judy Kearney and Mark Tracey, vocal team, will also be on hand to entertain the audience with a selection of popular and folk tunes.

Heading the Miss Teenage Baltimore production staff is Barry Gelsinger, serving his fourth year as executive director, coordinator, and producer. Other members of the staff include M. Fran Dearman, associate coordinator; Nolly Gelsinger, associate producer; Scott Lang, assistant director; Walter Marquardt, musical director; and Bruce Manchey, technical director. Norbert Fenwick, CPA, a partner in the Baltimore accounting firm of Main, Lafrentz and co., is serving his fourth year as the official program auditor.

Miss Teenage Baltimore, a non-profit program, is also supported by S. Hiken Formals of Baltimore, Giftland Trophies of Glen Burnie, Montgomery Ward and Co., Harlee's Fashions, the Or. Pepper Company and the Department of Recreation and Parks.

The public is invited to attend the pageant October 7. Tickets will be sold at the door.



CATHY PHILLIPS

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Cathy Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Phillips of Dunwich Way, Middlesex, was chosen one of the finalists in the preliminary contest for Miss Teen-Age Maryland, held at the Baltimore Hilton, Thursday, July 18. Miss Phillips, a senior at Kenwood High School, is sponsored by Agro Motors and will now continue in the finals held in Washington, D.C., on August 4. The winner there will go on to Miami Beach for the Miss Teen-Age America contest.



# Miss Baltimore County Pageant

*Essex Times May 11, 78*

For the first time ever, the Miss Baltimore County pageant will be held in the Essex-Middle River area. The contest, will take place Saturday night at Stemmers Run Junior High School, Stemmers Run Road and Eastern Boulevard. With local TV personality John Wade as emcee, 13 young women will compete on the stage for scholarships worth a total

of \$750. The winner will go on to the Miss Maryland pageant later this summer. Sponsors of the pageant are the Jaycees of Essex-Middle River, who in years past used to hold a beauty pageant for this area alone.

Tickets, at \$2 each, will be available at the door before the event, which will get under way at 7:30 p.m. Thirteen contestants have passed the preliminary screening and will go before a group of six judges in swim suit, evening gown and talent presentations. The girls will be judged on the basis of beauty, personality, poise and talent, the same values used in the Miss Maryland and Miss America pageants.

Four of this year's contestants are students at Essex Community College, and two are graduates of Kenwood High School. The hobbies range from bowling to needlepoint. Goals for the futures include nursing, journalism, singing and foreign language translation at the United Nations.



MISS BALTIMORE COUNTY OF 1977  
LINDA LAMBERT



PEGGY BUSEY

Age 19, graduate of Catholic High School. Attends Essex Community College and hopes to become a teacher. Peggy's hobbies are dancing and sports. Her talent presentation will be a jazz dance.



DIANE ELAINE BISHOP

Age 19, graduate of Havre de Grace High School. Currently attending Essex Community College with the plan to become a special education teacher. Her hobbies are dancing and writing poetry. Diane will recite her own poetry as her talent presentation.



CHERYL EDER

Age 19, a graduate of Dundalk Senior High School who now attends Towson State University. Cheryl's ambition is to work as an interpreter at the United Nations. Her hobbies are skiing and dancing, and she will perform ballet in the pageant.





**CAROLYN KAYE GIBSON**

Age 18, graduate of Bel Air Senior High School. A student at the Peabody Conservatory of Music who hopes to some day be a member of a symphony orchestra. Carolyn's hobbies are sports and music. Her talent presentation will be a flute solo.



**MARY CAROL KIESSLING**

Age 19, graduate of Parkville Senior High School, now a student at Loyola College. Mary Carol plans a career in medical technology. Her hobbies are music and making latchhook rugs. She also will present a flute solo in the pageant.



**KELLE LYNN KIPP**

Age 19, a graduate of John Carroll High School. Kelle now attends Western Maryland College and hopes to become a criminal lawyer. Her hobbies are horseback riding, dancing and tennis. She will perform a jazz dance.



**KIM RENEE HILL**

Age 17, a graduate of Edgewood Senior High School. Now a student at the Bel Air School of Dance with the goal of becoming a dancer for the American Ballet Theatre of New York. She even reports dancing as her hobby, along with sports. She will perform a classical ballet solo at the beauty pageant.



**KAREN RACHEL PRAVLIK**

Age 19, a graduate of Kenwood High School. Karen now attends Patricia Stevens Institute. Her ambition is to be a journalist. She plays the guitar and likes to bowl, and for her talent demonstration, she will do a modern dance.



**TAMMY SUZANNE MARBLE**

Age 18, a graduate of Western High School, Baltimore, now a student at Towson State University. Tammy's hope is to become a professional singer. Her hobbies are horseback riding and swimming. Her talent presentation will be singing.





**JOANN SKIBA**

Age 19, a graduate of Kenwood High School and student at Essex Community College. Joann plans to become a nurse. Her hobbies are sports, modeling and crafts. She will do mime for the pageant audience.



**CYNDI WHITEFORD**

Age 20, graduate of Mercy High School, Baltimore. Cyndi is a student at Essex Community College and hopes to become a registered nurse. Her hobbies are reading, ceramics and sports. She will perform a modern dance selection for the pageant.



**RUTH STANLEY**

Age 18, a graduate of Overlea High School. Now attending Towson State University, Ruth plans to become a computer programmer. Her hobbies are needlepoint, cooking and crafts. She will display a selection of her sewing creations at the pageant.



**PAULETTE DENISE KNIGHT**

Age 19, a graduate of Patterson Senior High School, and a student at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County. Paulette's ambition is to become a physical therapist. Her hobbies are poetry, dancing and sports. Her talent presentation will be a tap dance.



## Judges named for county pageant *Times*

Baltimore County State's Attorney Sandra A. O'Connor heads a list of five judges for Miss Baltimore County pageant on May 13, at Stemmers Run Junior High School. The pageant is being sponsored by the Essex-Middle River Jaycees.

Other judges include Rise Horowitz of the Peabody Institute, Joseph DeCara of the Baltimore Opera Company, Corinne Hammett of the News-American, and Gloris Brennan, of "World of Faces." The judges will score the contestants on the basis of talent, private interview, evening gown, and swimsuits.

Prior to assuming the duties of state's attorney in 1975, Ms. O'Connor worked in the City Solicitor's Office, the Federal Public Defender's Office, and was employed by the McCormick Company. A graduate of the Indiana University School of Law, she was named one of the Five Outstanding Young Marylanders of 1977 by the Maryland Jaycees and is involved in numerous community activities.

Mr. DiCara, who resides in this area, is also affiliated with the Essex revitalization action team. Ms. Hammett is the News-American's movie critic, and Ms. Brennan is affiliated with "World of Faces," a modeling agency and school of fashion.

The winner of the pageant will enter the Miss Maryland Pageant, to select the state queen who will compete for the crown of Miss America in the national competition at Atlantic City in September. }



**Kathy Lynn, whose flipping and dancing should capture the fancy of America in this year's Miss Teenage America Pageant. }**



# Make Way For

*Times Oct 23 - 1975*

# Miss Dy-No-Mite

By Lynn Bruffey

If you're watching the Miss Teenage America contest on November 5, and you think you see a familiar face, don't order new glasses or call the T.V. repairman. For one of those girls with the apple pie warmth and UltraBrite smile will be saying hello to the audience and judges with a genuine "Balemoron" accent.

Better still, she will be coming from Essex, and hopefully, will put it on the map. And, if she were to win, Essex would be known as the hometown of the new Miss Teenage America, 1976.

The contestant, a blond hair, blue-eyed cutie, is 16 year old Kathy Lynn Wienecke, a junior at Kenwood Senior High. She will travel to Tulsa, Oklahoma, on November 8, to begin what could be the most rewarding week of her life.

There will be interviews with famous personality judges, rehearsals, test-taking and meeting new people. And, if she wins, Kathy could bring home terrific prizes.

All this sounds very exciting, but for Kathy it will entail a lot of hard work. She is accustomed to it, though, because through hard work, Kathy holds several local titles.

Kathy is currently the reigning "Miss Teen

Baltimore County, 1975" and the new "Miss Teenage Baltimore, 1976".

It all began for Kathy in September of '74. While on vacation, a family friend entered her in the "Miss Teen Reisterstown" contest, without Kathy's knowledge. Upon returning, she had less than two weeks to prepare for the pageant. Kathy, who has been a Marie Frank dancer for 14 years, and who studies acrobatics at the Hubbard studio, practiced many hours until she had her routine perfected.

Talent was a big percentage of competition points, as was scholastic achievement, skill at interviews, poise and appearance. Kathy performed outstandingly and was the recipient of the talent award. She went on to claim the Reisterstown title, ironically over 14 girls from that area. Along with the trophies, crown and sceptor, Kathy won a trip for two to the Bahamas.

"I was really scared, when I began, but I met a lot of new people," says Kathy. She admits feeling out of place, because most of the girls knew each other from or other contests.

"But at the end of the week, we were all good friends and I enjoyed it."

As "Miss Teen Reisterstown, Kathy participated in the Bachelor of the Year

contest, presenting the awards. Then, in May, 1975, the Reisterstown recreation council sponsored her in the "Miss Teen Baltimore County" pageant.

Although the format for this contest was the same as the previous one, only eleven girls were entered, making competitive spirit soar. The petite, 5'2" young lady decided to combine her dancing and acrobatics for this contest. "That way I could show two talents at once," she explains.

Again Kathy excelled above the other girls, with her scholastic average, outstanding talent and amiable personality. And, again, Kathy captured the talent award, (a silver plate) and brought home her second title: "Miss Teen Baltimore County".

(Incidentally, the 1974 winner, Linda Smith, who crowned Kathy is also an Essex resident. She, too, won the talent competition.)

Kathy received a \$100.00 bond for winning the contest and a \$50.00 bond for the talent award. She also won \$100.00 towards a trip to Busch Gardens, 10 free lessons at Patricia Stevens modeling school, and \$100.00 towards an oil portrait of herself. The portrait, which is beautiful, hangs in the hallway of the

Wienecke home.

As reigning "Miss Teen Baltimore County, Kathy rode in the 4th of July Day parade and the "I am an American Day" parade.

After a relaxing summer, Kathy began her junior year at KHS as captain of the Varsity cheerleaders. She also began rehearsing for her routine for the "Miss Teen Baltimore" contest.

This was the toughest of the three pageants, with 160 girls and extremely good talents. Following long and exhausting rehearsals, Kathy gained still another trophy, this time for scholastic and activities achievements. And on October 4, Kathy Lynn Wienecke was named "Miss Teen Baltimore, 1976".

Her prizes included a medallion, a good luck necklace to be worn in Tulsa,

a scholarship to Wendy Ward modeling agency, a World Book dictionary, and several lessons at World of Faces and Merle Norman cosmetics. She also won another \$100.00 toward a oil portrait. She has since decided to give it to her sister, Donna.

Kathy has worn the same gown throughout the contests, and her mother has also worn the same outfit, even sitting in the same seats, for good luck. Unfortunately, at Tulsa, Kathy will have to wear what every one else wears. **I**



## Nancy Bell wins modeling title <sup>3-8-1979</sup> *Inner*

Nancy Lee Bell, daughter of J. Earle and Geraldine Bell was named outstanding model and awarded the title of Miss Baltimore Auto World during the car, van and cycle show held recently at the Baltimore Civic Center.

Miss Bell, a resident of Conestoga Rd., Bowley's Quarters, competed against several other models for the title.

The 1977 graduate of Kenwood Senior High School and the Barbizon School of Modeling is employed as a secretary for Chris Coile and Associates, Inc. in Rosedale.

Miss Bell enjoys modeling part-time and dancing.



Nancy Lee Bell



Nancy Lee Bell

## *Aut.* Area Resident

### *3-8-1979* Selected As Miss Auto World

Nancy Lee Bell, 19 and a resident of Bowley's Quarters; was awarded the title Miss Baltimore Auto World during the car, van and cycle show that took place at the Civic Center on Feb. 9 through 11.

Miss Bell is a graduate of Kenwood Senior High School and the Barbizon School of Modeling.

The recreational vehicle show featured Spiderman, the Incredible Hulk and Eric Estrada of "CHIPS."

Nancy works as a secretary for Chris Coile and Associates, Inc., Rosedale office, and models part-time for the Barbizon Agency. *f*

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**6 Judges**

## Selected For Pageant

Six prominent judges from varied fields of interest will serve on a panel to select the new Miss Baltimore County. The pageant, sponsored by the Essex-Middle River Jaycees, will be held at Kenwood Senior High School on Saturday, April 14, beginning at 8 PM.

The judges include Norman Lauenstein, Baltimore County Council (Seventh District); John Terwillinger, director of the Towson State Choral Society; Alan Courduff of WIYY Radio; Jane Crystal, managing editor of Baltimore Magazine; John Taylor, master instructor of disco at the Disco Palace in Columbia; and Dennis Rasmussen, State Senator. These judges will score the points which will determine the winner as the young women compete in talent, evening gown, private interview, and swimsuit contests.

The young woman selected as Miss Baltimore County will gain the right to enter the Miss Maryland Pageant, to be held in July in Hagerstown. The state queen will then compete for the crown of Miss America at Atlantic City, New Jersey in September. *2*



# Local Girls To Vie<sup>18</sup> In Talent Shows *Miss March 13* 1969



**STUDENTS TO COMPETE** — Gail Zuskin (left) and Jo Ann Foster will also be competing in the Covenant Guild's teen talent contest at Poly-Western High School on March 30, 2 p.m. The duet won the local Kenwood talent show in January with their "song of commercials. Both play the guitar. |



**VIES IN TALENT SHOW** — Gale Stecker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Stecker, 6005 Westwood Avenue, will compete in the teen talent show hosted by the Covenant Guild, Inc., and to benefit the Baltimore Association for Retarded Children. Miss Stecker, who is Miss Essex-Middle River, will play a 12-string guitar in the March 30 contest. The show starts at 2 p.m. Miss Stecker is a freshman at Essex Community College and will also soon vie for the Miss Watermelon title (sponsored by the Watermelon Growers of America) in Houston, Texas. |



Kelly Holliday

## Area Teenager Wins FEB 15 1979 THE AVENUE Miss Teen Pageant

Kelly Holliday, 15, was selected Miss Teen Maryland in the 14 to 16-year-old category of the American Queen pageant on Sunday, Feb. 11, at a contest held at the Holiday Inn, Lombard Street in Baltimore.

Miss Holliday, a sophomore at Chesapeake Senior High School, won a seven-day and six-night trip to Atlanta, Georgia in late July. She also received a tiara, trophy and flowers.

The local resident will go on to the state-wide American Queen competition, and then the nationals if she wins there. |





Kathy Wienecke

## Essex girl *James* 4-5-79 selected winner of beauty pageant

Kathy Wienecke, a resident of Essex, was selected Miss Baltimore following a beauty pageant held at Patterson Park High School recently.

The 20-year-old daughter of John and Edna Wienecke is a student at the Peabody Conservatory and the Maryland Ballet School.

Miss Wienecke was among 14 contestants to vie for the title in bathing suit, talent and evening gown competitions. She performed an original ballet to "The Impossible Dream."

She will now advance to the Miss Maryland Pageant, scheduled June 22-23 in Hagerstown. The winner of this pageant will compete in the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, N.J.



## Winner *James* 2-15-1979

Kelly Holliday, a resident of the 1600 block Howard Avenue in Essex, is the winner of the Teen Maryland-American Beauty Queen contest held recently at the Holiday Inn in Baltimore City. The 15-year old 10th grade student at Chesapeake Senior High School now qualifies for the national pageant, which will be held in July in Atlanta, Ga. Kelly is a member of the student government, participates in Junior Achievement, played girls' hockey, and is interested in drama.

## Jaycees To Sponsor Miss Baltimore Co. Pageant

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The Essex-Middle River Jaycees will sponsor the 1979 Miss Baltimore County Pageant to be held on Saturday, April 14, at Kenwood Senior High School, it was announced this week by Jaycee President Joe Kleiber.

Winner of the county pageant will enter the Miss Maryland pageant, held to select the state queen who will compete for the crown of Miss America in the national competition at Atlantic City, New Jersey in September. The Miss America pageant and

its preliminaries have combined to award more scholarships to young women than any other organization in the world.

This year's event will be the second Miss Baltimore County pageant sponsored by the Essex-Middle River Jaycees, who had sponsored the Miss Essex-Middle River pageant for many years.

"We are serving as sponsors of the pageant because we believe it provides a valuable contribution to the community and to the

young women who will enter the competition," Mr. Kleiber said in announcing the Jaycees' plans.

"We believe that it serves the community well because it focuses attention on the high caliber of young women who are residents of our area," he said. "The pageant will provide the opportunity for the girl who is the winner to continue to seek scholarship awards at the Miss Maryland pageant."

Mr. Kleiber announced that

committees to plan that program are being formed and that organizations in the area will be requested to sponsor contestants.

"This will be a community endeavor and we in the Essex-Middle River Jaycees are sure all in the community will participate to insure its success," he said. "We will be requesting the community and its organizations to attend the pageant and to support it financially." /





## *More pageant beauties*

A total of 16 young ladies entered the Miss Baltimore County beauty pageant sponsored by the Essex-Middle River Jaycees. Two of the contestants were affiliated with Kenwood Senior High School during their lives,

and another attended Overlea Senior High. Ruth Stanley displays the trophy she won





At left, Kim Adamson performs portion of the event. At center, being nominated third runner-



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up. At right, Suzanne Innes makes a grand entrance during the bathing suit competition. The contestants were judged on the basis of talent, beauty and poise. The judges included County Council Chairman Norman Lauenstein and State Senator Dennis Rasmussen. /



Sheri Ann Connelly, 17, daughter of Gordon and Mary Jane Connelly of Essex, has been selected for competition in the state finals of the 1979 United Teenager Pageant to be held at the Hunt Valley Inn 7:30 p.m. August 4.

The pageant is the official state finals for the United Teenager Pageant. Contestants from all over the state will be competing for the title. All contestants are between the ages of 14 and 18 and must have a "B" or better school grade average. They are required to participate in the Volunteer Community Service Program of the United Teenager Pageant.



**Sheri A. Connelly**

The winner of the state finals will receive an all-expense paid trip in December to compete in the national finals, a three-phase pageant to be held in Washington, D.C., Hollywood, Calif., and Honolulu, Hawaii.

She will compete for \$15,000 appearance contract, a \$2,000 wardrobe, and many other prizes and awards.

Contestants will be judged on scholastic and civic achievements, beauty, poise and personality. No swimsuit or talent competition is required. Each contestant will write and recite on stage a 100-word essay on the subject, "My Country."

Sheri is sponsored by Connelly Funeral Home, 300 Mace Avenue in Essex. She is a student at Kenwood Senior High School and her hobbies are cheerleading, skating and dancing.



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Lisa Ann Parrick was selected Miss Baltimore County Saturday night at the pageant held at Kenwood High School. Twelve girls competed in the event sponsored by the Essex-Middle River Jaycees.





Kathy Lynn Wienecke, Miss Teenage Baltimore County and Kenwood High graduate, and Councilman Norman W. Lauenstein enjoyed the ride down Eastern Blvd. in Sunday's 1976 July 4 parade. Mr. Lauenstein was Kathy's last minute escort when her limosine service failed to keep a commitment.



LINDA SMITH

## Kenwood Student Wins Miss Teenage Title

The winner of the Miss Teen Baltimore County contest is Miss Linda Smith, a sophomore at Kenwood Senior High school.

As Miss Berkshire, Miss Smith's victory on Saturday, January 12 at Dulaney Senior High, followed eight days of rehearsal, competition and interviews.

Miss Smith is active in the GAA, the Sophomore Steering Committee, and is a student of tap, ballet, and jazz.

She was awarded a \$50

bond, a trophy, and a crown, among other prizes.

The first runner-up in the contest was Miss Andrea Nutter, a senior at Parkville Senior High, second runner-up was Miss Lynn Buffrey, a junior at Kenwood Senior High, and third runner-up was Miss Cindy Robinson, a student at Archbishop Keough High school.

Contestants were judged on the basis of talent, scholarship, poise and appearance, youth fitness, mental alertness, and judges conference.

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**WINS SOLO TITLE**-Linda Smith of 1318 First Road, Wilson Point, won the Maryland State Solo title April 27. She is a member of the Debs Majorette Corps and also holds the title of Miss Baltimore County Teen. Linda, a sophomore at Kenwood Senior High School, will vie in the Miss Maryland Teen contest to be held July 6 at Hunt Valley Inn. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lillard Smith.



# Teenage Mr. Maryland title is just the beginning for Prior

By Michael Ruby

The girls don't think he's cute, anymore.

"All through school," says Ted Prior, "I was 'Little Teddy; and the girls thought I was cute. The only one who calls me Teddy any more is my mother. And in a way, I kind of miss it - not being 'Cute Little Teddy.'"

"But I get the girls' attention in another way, now."

Ted Prior, a resident of Essex, has turned more than just the girls' heads. A number of judges were impressed enough with Ted that they selected him from 15 other contestants to be Teenage Mr. Maryland. The honor was awarded April 7 at Unity Hall in Dundalk.

One year and 30 pounds ago, Ted was one of the smallest football players on the Kenwood High School football team. Though he had the athletic ability, he played the safety position because of his size.

Now the sandy-hair youth sports a 45-inch chest and 17-inch arms on his 5' 9", 180 pound frame.

"Little Teddy" is no more.

"And body building does not just stop when you leave the gym," Prior laughs as he leans back in his chair. When he's not "pumping iron," Ted admits to "strutting his stuff, 'cause that's where it's at" for a body builder.

Though he's only been associated with body building for about a year, the 18 year old graduate of Kenwood High School is ready to commit the next five years to serious training.

"It's one of the only types of sports that you don't rely on anyone else," Prior points out. "When you're working out, you're only doing it for one person. When you're in front of the judges, they're looking right at you. And when it comes time to win or lose, you've only yourself to blame or credit."

Ted, who has been competing for just half a year, blames himself for only placing second in his first competition for the Greater Baltimore title.

"The only reason I decided to compete," Prior relates, "Is that some of the other guys in the gym said I ought to try. So I did. And the first meet I was in was the first one I had ever seen."

"I was really nervous and kept expecting to see these huge guys I was to compete against, but they were all about my size. So then I thought I might have a chance. But I wasn't at all ready to go out on stage in front of people and the judges."

"I really messed up my posing, and this other guy, who I've beaten since, won because he knew how to pose and make himself look good."

Working without a trainer or any

other guidance, Ted Prior turned to the man who got him interested in body building and has been his inspiration ever since, Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"I sent away for and watched some films that Arnold puts out," says Prior, "and ready everything I could and talked to all my friends to come up with a better posing routine."

"The key to winning is to have your poses flow from one to the other. Even though you're trying to emphasize your mass and showing the different muscle groups, the judges are looking to see how well you present yourself - what kind of a showman you are. And they are definitely impressed with a flowing, graceful performance."

All the grace and poise in the world will not win titles unless there is something to show off. And it takes time and hard work to get yourself to competition size. Ted Prior works out in Bill Stevens' Gym on Eastern Blvd. four times a week, for two hours each session.

On Monday, Ted concentrates on his upper body - chest, stomach, back and neck - and on Tuesday, he works the limbs, arms and legs. Wednesday is a day of recuperation and then he repeats Monday's routine on Thursday, and Tuesday's workout on Friday. On weekends, and any other available time, Ted eats.

"The only diet supplements I take," says Prior, "are some B complex and E vitamins. But I'm eating all the time and anything I can. Even when I'm not hungry, I'll eat. It's almost a force feed because I'm using up tissue when I work out and that needs to be replaced, plus a little extra. And I have trouble gaining weight so the more I eat, the better chance I have to add some bulk."

Ted is naturally "think-skinned," which is a plus in body building. The term indicates that there is very little fat between the skin layer and the muscle tissue. Fat acts as a covering that hides the distinctive muscle groupings which adds to a body's definitions. This definition, or "cuts" as they're called, is the rippling effect of the abdomen, the impressiveness of the back muscles, and the showcase of the calves.

Training is altered in preparing for a contest so that definition is at a maximum. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Prior works every part of the body with a reduced amount of weight but increased repetitions which pumps up the muscle with a good blood supply and a minimum of muscle tissue breakdown.

On Thursday before a show, Ted will run in a sweat suit to work off any extra fat that he can. Friday he relaxes to allow the muscles to fully recover

for Saturday's competition.

All during the week, Ted is dieting. "But when I say dieting," Ted laughs, "I mean stopping at seconds and not having thirds."

Competing is at once exhilarating and nerve wracking. At first, all the entrants come on stage together in a line up for the judges to compare each of them against every other. Facing front in the beginning, the men execute one-quarter turns so the judges can examine the depth, mass, and distinction of different muscle groups.

"Everyone is supposed to be relaxed," Ted comments, "but no one is. They're all shaking from sheer exertion to keep everything as tense and showy as possible."

After the line up, each contestant appears individually before the judges and goes through his poses. Here the judges are looking at proportion, definition, poise, and showmanship.

"Posing is so intense," Prior confesses. "You are concentrating on the positioning of every part of your body while flexing specific muscle groups and while trying to achieve a certain presence cut on the stage."

"It's always the longest two minutes of your life."

Body building never gets easier, no matter how long some one has been at it. In fact, the most dramatic increases in mass and definition are when just starting to train seriously. From then on, the more mass there is, the harder it is to increase.

"For a body builder, the bigger the better," says Prior. "And in order to get bigger and to be better, you've got to train harder and harder. Add more weight, do more reps (repetitions), anything to get bigger."

Ted's dedication is enthusiastically supported by his parents. "They're both art teachers," Ted states, "and have been drawing the human body for years so they can really get into what I'm doing."

"My mom comes to all the contests she can and when I won Teenage Mr. Maryland, she called the whole family saying, 'Guess what Teddy won!'"

The immediate future for Ted Prior means going to California, the Mecca for American body builders. There Ted hope to live with his brother, find some job that will not interfere with his training, and seriously lift hard for the next five years.

Realistically, he does not expect the phenomenal growth he has had this past year to continue. But, as Ted puts it, "as long as I keep improving, I'll keep going."

It is sad to think that even at the pinnacle of body building, the financial remunerations are small. The only sizable money to be made from the



sport comes from promoting body building products to other body builders. The only notable personality to extend himself beyond the confines of the gymnasium has been Arnold Schwarzenegger.

But Ted Prior hopes that money does now become involved with body building.

"Baseball and football players, who make hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, don't care how good they are," says Prior. "They're in it for the money."

"Body builders train their butts off for a lifetime and all they get is a title and a trophy. These people are doing it for the pride involved with working hard at something and being recognized by others who know what it takes to be good."

"My association with other body builders has been terrific," Prior continues. "When I first started out everyone was helpful and friendly. I've never more accepted for who I am than with these guys in the gym."

Any sport is reflective of those who participate in it. Ted feels that it takes a certain type of person who will work hard for only the self-satisfaction involved to be a body builder.

For Ted Prior, that's what makes body building the great sport that it is.

## Jaycees announce pageant awards

The Essex-Middle River Jaycees have announced the scholarship awards for the Miss Baltimore County Pageant, held recently at Kenwood Senior High School.

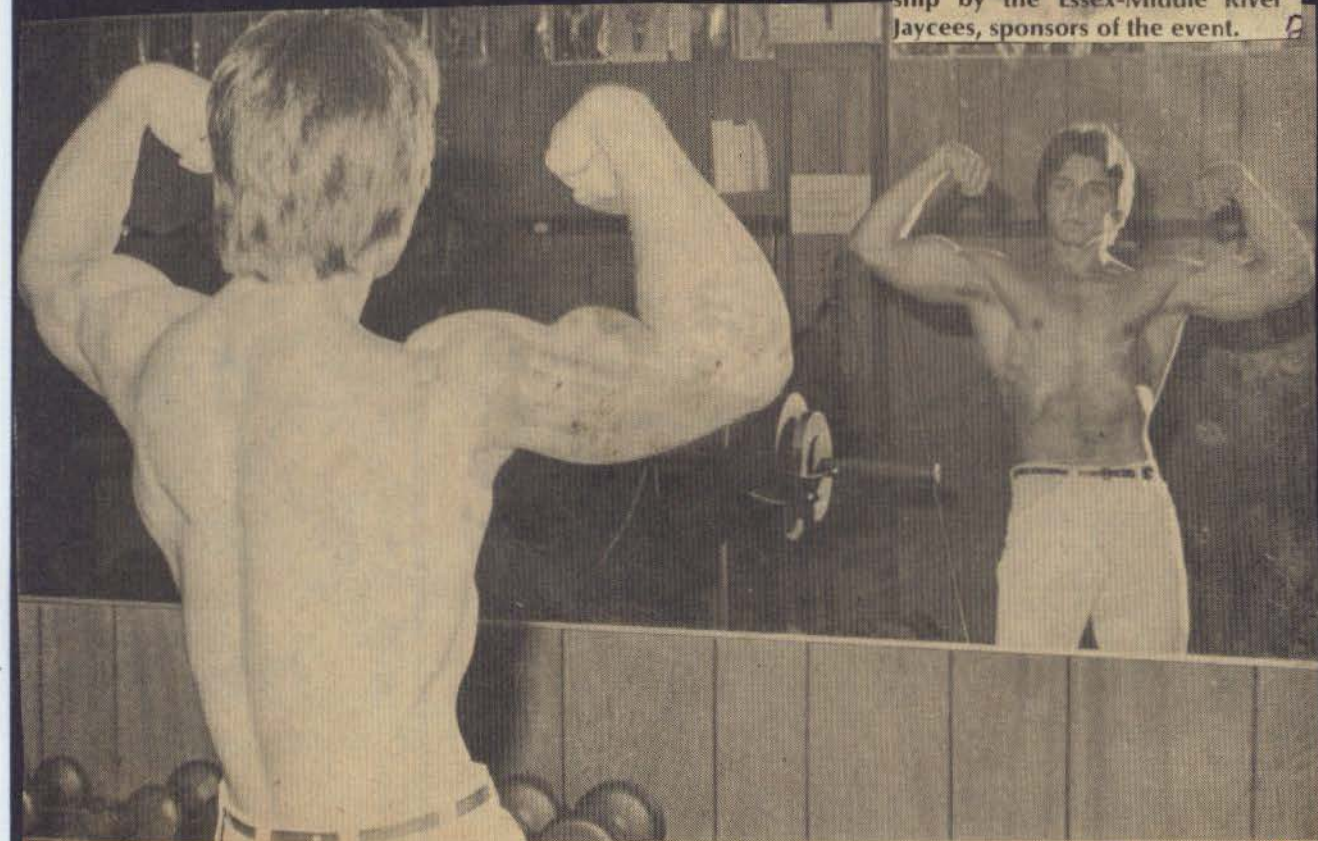
Pageant Winner Lisa Ann Patrick has been granted a \$250 scholarship for use at the school of her choice. First runnerup Carolyn Kaye Gibson won a \$125 scholarship, second runnerup Joanne Wright won a \$75 grant, and a third runnerup Ruth Stanley received a \$50 grant.

Miss Patrick will represent Baltimore County in the Miss Maryland Pageant, to be held in Hagerstown next month. The state queen will then compete for the crown of Miss America at Atlantic City, N.J. in September.



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Miss Baltimore County beauty pageant winner Lisa Ann Patrick has been awarded a \$250 scholarship by the Essex-Middle River Jaycees, sponsors of the event.



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Ted Prior, a Kenwood High School graduate, shows the form that helped him win the Teenage Mr. Maryland contest recently held in Dundalk. The Essex resident hopes to go on to further competition.



# Kenwood tops schools in area with 5 Miss Teenage finalists

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Pamela Mizell



Karen Meusel



Kathleen Krannebitter



Suzanne Innes

Five students of Kenwood High School, more than any other school in the Baltimore region, have been selected as finalists in the 1978 Miss Teenage Baltimore contest.

They are among 30 teenage girls from four counties and Baltimore City who will compete for the title Sat., Oct. 15, at Franklin Senior High School, Reisterstown.

M. Frances Dearman, spokesman for the co-sponsor, the Baltimore County recreation department, said the five Kenwood contestants were the most finalists from any school in the city and Howard, Harford, Anne Arundel and Baltimore Counties.

A total of 112 girls entered the contest, most through recreation centers in the five jurisdictions.

The schools closest in representation were Dulaney and South Carroll High Schools, and possibly others, she added, which had three contestants each.

"The eastern end of the county really made a good showing this year," added Mrs. Dearman.

Miss Teenage Baltimore will be selected on the basis of scholastic achievement and awareness; poise, appearance and expression and individual accomplishment, according to the sponsors.



Kathleen Sheckells

The 30 finalists, all of whom entered themselves in the competition, have been active in the event since July 9 when the first local contests were held. Each took and passed an awareness examination given by

World Book Encyclopedia which included questions on national and foreign news events within a month of the test.

Miss Teenage Baltimore will represent the Baltimore area in the Miss Teenage America contest to be held in Dallas in November.

The national winner receives a \$15,000 scholarship, \$5,000 cash and other prizes.

The judges at the Miss Teenage Baltimore contest will be Patricia Kureth, educator; Deborah London Hoffman, director, Cultural Arts Institute; Judy Kearney, vocalist; Bob Lee, administrative assistant, Harford County Department of Parks and Recreation; Dr. Z. John Levay, medical scientist and professor of psychology, Catonsville Community College; Marian B. Mallory, general manager, CTA Theatre for Young People; Dr. Sheldon Metcalfe, associate professor of speech and

drama at CCC; Elaine Olenski, district director of Wendy Ward program; Virginia Lee Stiegler, owner-director, Glenelg School of Music; Edward M. Williams, executive director of Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; and as the alternate judge, Arnold Manchester, manager of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

The joint sponsor with the county

recreation department is the Reisterstown Area Recreation and Parks Council.